

**Oroville Facilities Relicensing
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100
Draft Summary of Cultural Resources Work Group Meeting
February 17, 2004**

The Department of Water Resources hosted the Cultural Resources Work Group meeting on February 17, 2004 in Oroville. A summary of the discussion, decisions made, and action items is provided below. This summary is not intended to be a transcript, analysis of the meeting, or to indicate agreement or disagreement with any of the items summarized, except where expressly stated. The intent is to present a summary for interested parties who could not attend the meeting. The following are attachments to this summary.

Attachment 1	Meeting Agenda
Attachment 2	Meeting Attendees
Attachment 3	Cultural Resource Work Group January 2004 Update
Attachment 4	Cultural Resource Action Identification Forms
Attachment 5	Konkow Maidu Tribal Presence in the Lake Oroville Area: An Ethnographic and Ethnohistoric Inventory

Introduction

Attendees were welcomed to the CRWG meeting and objectives were discussed. The meeting agenda and a list of meeting attendees and their affiliations are appended to this summary as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

Action Items – October 21, 2003 Cultural Resources Work Group Meeting

A summary of the October 2003 CRWG meeting is posted on the project web site. The Facilitator reviewed the status of action items from that meeting as follows:

- Action Item #C62:** Ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife representative to the Environmental Work Group if there is a provision within the Endangered Species Act allowing collection of traditional plants that provide habitat for endangered species.
- Status:** The Facilitator reported that there is a provision within the ESA for such activities. DWR can initiate a permit process for traditional harvesting as well as to identify a place for ongoing traditional plant propagation.
- Action Item #C63:** Revise resource action related to cultural center to allow for the analysis of multiple uses and various location options.
- Status:** Chris Acken from DWR completed this action. DWR announced that copies would be provided to those who request them.
- Action Item # C64:** Present recommended proposed resource actions to Plenary Group and PDEA Team for analysis.
- Status:** Janis Offermann of DWR presented to these groups in October 2003. She reported that CRWG recommendations were well received by the Plenary Group.

Action Item # 65: Distribute a November update to CRWG participants.
Status: Janis Offermann noted that an update was distributed by DWR for both November and December 2003. Copies of the January 2004 update were available at the CRWG meeting for those that did not receive it (Attachment 3).

Maidu Advisory Council Update

Michael Jablonowski of Sonoma State University updated the CRWG on the last Maidu Advisory Council meeting. He announced that the group discussed the fact that the Bureau of Land Management wants to divest its lands around the Oroville reservoir and the possibility of a transfer of those lands on Stringtown Mountain to the State and then eventually to the Tribes. They also refined the MAC Statement of Purpose and developed a Resource Action Identification Form on the stewardship and eventual ownership of Stringtown Mountain. Janis Offermann distributed copies of this RAIF (#CRWG31) as well as updated versions of two other RAIFs to the CRWG (Attachment 4).

Eric Ritter with BLM mentioned the potential transfer of land on Stringtown Mountain to the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Facilitator noted that this issue is also on the recommended list of proposed resource actions from the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group. She suggested that Eric might want to be involved in the LUWG meeting discussions on this topic. The Facilitator suggested that Janis Offermann contact Jim Martin, the DWR Resource Area Manager for the LUWG, to coordinate on this issue. Janis reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Jim Martin for February 20, 2004.

Study Plan Implementation Update

Helen McCarthy with the Consulting Team distributed copies of the public report, Konkow Maidu Tribal Presence in the Lake Oroville Area: An Ethnographic and Ethnohistoric Inventory (Attachment 5) to the CRWG. She told the CRWG that they anticipate completion of the more detailed technical report in approximately one month. Janis Offermann added that copies of the public report are being provided to the Tribal Council.

Steve Heipel with the Consulting Team reported that a meeting was held with DWR, BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss the Historic Properties Management Plan. He announced that the next step is to meet with DPR. He told the group that the consultants would provide copies of a sample FERC Management Plan in order to familiarize interested parties with the style and content of these documents. He mentioned that the Oroville Management Plan will be titled a Historic Properties Management Plan; however, he specified that it would not be limited to properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register.

Update on Site Evaluations

Mark Selverston with Sonoma State University gave a presentation on the historic site evaluation efforts for Spring Valley Gulch, Potters Ravine, and Stone House Mountain. He mentioned that they continue to work on the archival research to determine association and context to support the results from the field effort. He added that they had evaluated 6 more historic-era sites within the last 10 days.

Next Meeting and Next Steps

Janis Offermann suggested that the CRWG not meet in March because of a lull in activity. She suggested providing a March update instead and the CRWG concurred. An update for March will be mailed to the CRWG participants. Janis also noted that a meeting to discuss cross-resource issues with the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group would likely be held in April 2004.

The next CRWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

Date: April 20, 2004

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: To be determined.

Action Items

The following list of action items identified by the CRWG includes a description of the action, the participant responsible for the action, and item status.

Action Item #C66: Meet with Jim Martin to coordinate potential BLM land transfer resource action.

Responsible: DWR

Due Date: April 20, 2004

Action Item #C67: Distribute samples of FERC Historic Properties Management Plans to CRWG.

Responsible: DWR/Consulting Team

Due Date: April 20, 2004

Action Item #C68: Distribute March 2004 Update.

Responsible: DWR

Due Date: April 20, 2004